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Data on Polluting Industrial Units
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) gets the online data of all the 2800 industrial units discharging waste in the Ganga across the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the CPCB would be getting online data of the polluting industrial units;
(c) the number of industrial units penalised for discharging pollutants beyond the prescribed limits during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in order to control pollution by industrial houses/units?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)&(b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) had issued directions to respective State Pollution Control Boards for directing the industrial units located across the country for installation of continuous online effluent quality monitoring system before 31st March, 2015 and later extended till 30th June, 2015. So far, 920 industries have installed such devices and rest of the industries will set up by December 2015. Presentably 170 units are sending the data to CPCB server and more industries will send the data in next two months.

(c) CPCB has issued directions to the defaulting industries under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and directed the State Pollution Control Boards under Section 18(1)(b) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 for ensure compliance by industries. A State-wise summarized status of the directions issued during the last three years and till date are enclosed at Annexure.

(d) Considering the extent of pollution load being discharged from the sectors like Distilleries, Pulp & paper, Sugar, Textile & Tanneries, the CPCB has issued directions to the SPCBs of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal under Section 18 (1) (b) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 on February 2015 for formulation of Action Plans for achieving Zero Liquid Discharge (Textile, Distillery and Tannery) or improved standards of effluent (Pulp & Paper and Sugar).
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